

1st. For not allowing his officers to participate in the navigation of the ship; 2. For not having the log; 3. For not attempting to ascertain the correctness of the chronometer by lunar observations; 4. For going so near so dangerous a spot as Rodriguez.—*Argus*, December 14. —

	a. m.	p. m.		
Sun.....	4.45	7.7	Last quarter	8th
Moon.....	11.00 a.m.		New moon	15th
Mercury.....	6.14 a.m.	5.35 p.m.	First quarter	19th
Venus.....	2.15 a.m.	3.18 p.m.	Full moon	27th
Earth.....	7.21 a.m.	9.31 p.m.		
Jupiter.....	8.50 p.m.	7.16 a.m.	Moon's age, 5.9 days.	
Saturn.....	5.59 a.m.	8.5 p.m.		

Moon in Equator, 7th G. S. Declination, 13th; in Equator, 20th; in N. Declination, 21th; Apogee, 21th.

High water at Fort Jackson, a.m. 12th, 5m.; p.m. 12th, 5m.

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of Mr. Montgomery. Mr. Home takes advantage of the occasion to give the London critics 'a bit of his mind, after the following fashion. In a memorial note he says, 'Let me public compare the superiority of most London notices with the studious examination' by writers at the half-civilized Antipodes, and let some people blush.' Of the world could there be found more sincere, more painstaking, and more highly instructive disquisitions? The 'Herald of the Blue Mountains' is doing famous work for the colonies.

On these grounds we presume the United States have put into force laws which have pronounced polygamy a crime. The religious errors of Mormonism, whatever they may be, are not condemned, but the practice which flows from them—a practice admitted by the Mormons themselves to be discretionary, and not an obligation.

Some of the witnesses would settle the question of supply in a very off-hand manner. "As to water rights," said a miner of experience—"I think the first applicant should have his supply—that all should go by priority of right. Each raceholder should

ence. In the second course Juno again killed. The course was the best; only two dogs started, Mr. York and Mr. Hill's first prize dog Rover. The walking was about 500 yards' start, and went away at a great pace at once (leak the lead, but after going some distance the dogs turned short, giving Rover a chance, which he took, and Juno passed him and killed. Mr. C. J. Kent's terrier dog and Mr. J. S. Gordon's water spaniel were particularly distinguished themselves in the rabbit race.

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such things have been. But the millions
lurched in these fraudulent pensions are

a mere bagatelle when placed side by side with the thefts of the grand conspirators. Then

the gains of certain guilty officials, by blackmail and bribes, have been simply enormous. In a certain ward of infamous reputation, a police captain is known to have received from 40,000 to 50,000 dollars per annum in bribes from "panel-brokers" (dens of ill-fame, where men are robbed of their money by means of panels), and of raffles, ransoms, and gaming, besides. This income he is said to have shared with higher authorities, and I have no doubt that the rumour is true. Fraud, theft, injustice (carried to a limit beyond human tolerance) have marked every branch of our municipal administration. Republican Government

ment is indeed a natural one. We do not utterly sweep away these rank and crying evils, and punish, with terms in Sing-Sing gaol, the thieves who have at the same time robbed and demoralised us. "It is a crime to despair of the

Republic," of course, but we cannot help feeling that we are passing through terrible trials. That we shall come out of them all right, I, for one, do not for a moment doubt; but the few American companies of the entire country which will have to take us in hand and provide the "firmness" of New York with the only form of "firmness" that we have, is a small group. It is not the people from much misery. Not one of the banks has "busted," and only a small private one was forced to temporarily suspend payment. The day after business was resumed, the details of the case of the American companies have been forced to reorganize that is to say, bring in fresh capital, but only a

of government that has succeeded in keeping certain species of European population quiet and orderly elsewhere. Remember, please, that this hideous corruption has not as yet infected native Americans. It is no idle boast to say that the vast majority of the American people are as un-

year at a rate that can scarcely be calculated. Besides we are blessed with a few enormous capitalists—men like old Vanderbilt, with his

I can imagine an Australian, as he realizes the grand totals of these vast frauds, puzzling over a very curious problem. How came these rogues to be elected over and over again—each time to 50,000,000 dollars; and Tom Scott heading a clique of capitalists worth 200,000,000 dollars—who, for their own protection, step in manfully on these supreme occasions, and check as far as pos-

the possession of added-power—in a land of universal education and universal suffrage!"

When universal education and universal suffrage have been attained, I have hinted, a majority of our city population is of alien origin, and is drawn from the most ignorant and debased, and superstitious classes of the world. The universal suffrage of the city suffrage becomes very much of a farce, when exposed to the influence of what we have come to call "machine politics." The people's votes are controlled by the machine, and the machine draws water into steam, and supplies the needed motive power. But he who "runs" the "machine," and directs and guides "the machine," is the true master of the situation.

Let me give you a brief account of what an American election is like in some great center of population like New York. First of all, there is a meeting of the party bosses, and the party bosses direct elect delegates to meet in Convention, and to elect a ticket. Any one can attend these meetings who is not notoriously a member of the opposite party. It is not necessary to pack them with men with devoted gags of unscrupulous political. This practice has been for many years universal, and respectable men have therefore abandoned

the shrinkage of values that necessarily follows the introduction of money. They may do in the way of vulgar ostentation of wealth, they at least steady American interests.

The people of Chicago accept the situation without protest or heroism. The true story about the first shows a temper that they again bring the world. A friend of mine, a newspaper correspondent, was wandering among the smoking ruins, when he met an old merchant, looking kindly at the ruins. He said: "The old man—over sixty—had screwed up his hard-featured Western face to an expression of philanthropic rapture and was actively employed in distributing tobacco juice on the blackened bricks."

"Here's where my store was," said he. "Ah," said my friend, "when are you going to build it up?"

"Waal"—vociferously expectorating in a new place—"that's what I'm waiting here for now. Just as soon as I can spit on a brick without hurting myself."

The fashionable world is anxiously expecting the arrival of the Grand Duke Alexis. All the preparations for welcoming him were complete

These primary groups, and the opposition of professional politicians and publicists, between opposing factions have sometimes disgraced them, but who cared? What, indeed, could be more pleasing to the eye of responsibility than to see a number of rascals thus reacting at stated intervals an imminent risk of the loss of their position and of their lives? The professional politicians—the masters of the organization—the engine-drivers of the machine—generally brought order out of this chaos, and succeeded in electing themselves as delegates to

the "nominating convention," as it is called by the boardwalks and the "nominating caucus," as it is called by the places in the police and janitorships in the public offices, and all sorts of small-fry positions. The nominating conventions are run, of course, with very much more decorum. The delegates have to be elected by the district, and the district committee, and at least, know that business can only be conducted in accordance with certain well-defined parliamentary rules. The nominating caucuses, these bodies are therefore very different, and have been since the primaries. Money bribes and bargains for place are the controlling principles of the contest. A ticket is at last agreed upon; and, to give it

honour—but which are also, singularly enough, generally the places of smallest profit—are sometimes bestowed upon men of really high character. Both parties having thus "trotted out" their men, and put forth a platform, defining the standing of the organization on the great issues of the day, the struggle was continued by speeches and discussions and house-to-house canvassing for the day of election. Now, when so far have honest and reputable men had an opportunity of asserting themselves? Their nice sense of honour has precluded them from, at any moment, entering too muddy an arena. To be true they ought courageously to persevere, keeping the fight at the front, and well may we be blamed for our cowardice in these matters in the past. But bitterly indeed have we been punished. And now, when "machine politics" have firmly established their power, we find it a matter of life and death to escape from the maw of that hideous hydra. We have already devoured so much of our wherewithal.

The Ashbury has failed to carry off the Cup, and it must be confessed, that these international contests have not strengthened the *entente cordiale* between the two countries. The New York Yacht Club made several serious blunders, which did their best to give Mr. Ashbury a fair show. At every turn of the negotiations, however, Mr. Ashbury "protested," and "protested," and "protested," and it was no surprise to hear at the end of the racing that he considered he had won one regatta and had been awarded against him. The dispute was referred to during the stakeboat. The Livonia turned on way and the Cambria the other. There seems to have been no arrangement about it before the yachts started, and, of course, this was a grave mistake on the part of the club. Two private matches with young Mr. Bennett's Dauntless also both resulted in the

together, and the friends on election have been impudent and shameless beyond all description. The boxes have been crammed with bogus ballots; the names of applicants have been fraudulently substituted; even before the eyes of the electors one ticket for another; "repeaters" have been tried to travel from poll and poll, and, by perjury, swayed themselves legal voters in almost every precinct. The inspectors of election have adroitly contrived to declare a false count. Against such acts, it has been vain to struggle, and honest men have been obliged to retire politically alone, and trust to the power of public opinion to punish against very shameful and flagrant oppression.

When all these things are remembered, it is not wonderful that a little cliche of corrupt men have contrived to gain complete possession of the polls, and that the millions of the people of their power has alone been the cause of their ruin. Not content with moderate stealing, they have dipped their hands into the Treasury of the millions, and too foolishly blind were they to the necessary limits of their crime, that they attempted last year by an amendment to the State code—vetoed subsequently by the

Legislature, to give to every English yachtsman in New York harbour; but everybody is tired of Mr. Ashbury. There are doubtless some English yachts that are infinitely faster than the others, but they will not stand a fair chance of winning the Queen's Cup.

National politics just now are very dull. General Grant's re-election for a second term is conceded on all sides as almost a certainty. His second term will be very successful; the debt has been paid off at the rate of one hundred millions a year; the taxes have been lightened; the country was never before in so prosperous a condition; and the British treaty has adjusted its conditions to the most ridiculous difficulty. Where he has made mistakes—as in the case of St. Domingo—he has cheerfully retraced his steps in obedience to the public will. No man as yet has been successful enough to run against so successful a record.

There lies the shining scroll of the victories of the army of the Potomac.

Martial law has been proclaimed in a few counties of South Carolina, and a vigorous crusade against the Ku Klux Klan is being waged over the South. The majority of the Southern people have undoubtedly accepted the situation,

of heretofore, the current unpopularity of the press and the fact that the Catholic Church is their main strength of loyalty. The Catholic Church has resisted the use of the Douay for the English Bible in many schools, and, in some, even refused to allow it to be read. These were direct violations of the laws of the State. All the instruction books have been altered, so as to betray a palpable tinge of Catholic bias. Large sums of money were voted

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The lease for seven years from the 1st of January next, of the above described land, subject to conditions which may be inspected at the Rooms; or on application to Messrs. M^cCarthy, Son, and Donovan, solicitors, Pitt-street.

Plan at the Rooms.

